

**RESOLUTION NO. 122**  
**Oliver and Thelma Carter**  
**70th Wedding Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, Oliver and Thelma Carter were married on October 20, 1946, in Yazoo City, Mississippi; they made St. Louis their home in the early 1950s; they have lived in St. Louis for over 60 years and have been residents of the 27th Ward community for 42 years; and

**WHEREAS**, from this union five generations were birthed, including nine children (six daughters and three sons), 32 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Oliver worked as a truck driver at the Kiesel Company, where he retired after 40 years; he is the Pastor of New Macedonia Church in Centreville, Illinois; this year will mark his 47th Pastoral Anniversary!; and

**WHEREAS**, his love for God and commitment for people have been a treasure to so many; his own biological family, neighboring children, and many church members now grown refer to him as “PAPA”; and

**WHEREAS**, Thelma is known for being the first entrepreneur of the family; while raising her own children, she started her own babysitting business; nurturing and caring for babies was her all-time favorite activity; parents knew when they dropped off their children to the Carter house they would be kept clean, safe, and were guaranteed”some good ole fashioned soul food”; and

**WHEREAS**, Thelma was also known as the “CAKE LADY”; she baked all types of dessert, but her specialized icing for Carmel Cakes is what placed her on the map; she had customers all over the metropolitan area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Oliver and Thelma Carter and congratulate them on their 70th anniversary. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy in the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 30th Day of September, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman, 27th Ward**

Introduced on the 30th day of September, 2016, by:

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Timothy O’Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen